

HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 17, 2016

Huntington City Council met in its regular scheduled council meeting August 17, 2016 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Hilary Gordon presiding.

Call to Order

Mayor Gordon asked that there be order kept and everyone that spoke to use the microphone and established the following were in attendance:

Mayor:	Hilary Gordon
Council:	Lamar Guymon, Joe Ward, Leonard Norton, Mark Justice, Laneea Cowley
Recorder:	Jenene Hansen
Treasurer:	Ronni Torre
PZ Administrator:	Gary Arrington

Also in attendance: Nancy Jerome and Dave Asay from UDOT, Lorrie Denison, Bob Denison, Julie Jones, Bob Mills, Mike Gordon, Robin Gordon, Cathy Cowley, Brent Hadfield, Gary Miyasaki, Boyd Wilson, Vonda Thayn, Julie Johansen

Lamar Guymon extended a word to open the meeting and Leonard Norton led those present in the Pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item – 1 – Approval of July 20, 2016 City Council minutes

Lamar Guymon requested that on July Agenda Item #8 we add that TSJ Construction was the lowest bid.

MOTION. Mark Justice moved to approve the minutes after adding Lamar's request; motion seconded by Joe Ward.

Agenda Item – 2 – UDOT Public relations/Lisa Beck

Nancy Jerome and David Asay from UDOT presented the details of the Cold-In-Place Rotomill and Overlay Project on SR-29 to Huntington City Limits. The begin date is September 8, 2016 and the completion date is November 14, 2016; subject to weather and equipment delays. The contractor will be Nielson Construction.

Agenda Item – 3 – Business License

Gary Arrington presented the license for Dow's Karate & Fitness.

MOTION. Mark Justice motioned to approve the business license for Dow's Karate & Fitness; motion seconded by Laneea Cowley and carried.

Agenda Item – 4 – Discussion and possible approval of the EMS Cooperative Agreement and appoint someone to the board.

Mayor Gordon explained that we will have more information on the EMS Cooperative Agreement after attending the COG meeting scheduled for next week. We will bring this back for discussion at a later date.

Agenda Item – 5 – Parking Ordinance 3-2016

MOTION. Mark Justice motioned to approve the Parking Ordinance 3-2016; motion seconded by Joe Ward and carried. **ROLL CALL VOTE: LAMAR GUYMON – AYE, JOE WARD – AYE, LEONARD NORTON – AYE, MARK JUSTICE – AYE, LANEAA COWLEY – AYE.**

Agenda Item – 6 – Lawn mower Bids-Lamar

Bids for a new lawn mower were presented. The lawn mower will be similar to what we have at the cemetery.

MOTION. Lamar Guymon motioned to go with S & G Irrigation which was the lowest bid; motion seconded by Mark Justice and carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE: LAMAR GUYMON – AYE, JOE WARD – AYE, LEONARD NORTON – AYE, MARK JUSTICE – AYE, LANEAA COWLEY – AYE.

Agenda Item – 7 – purchase of Lawn maintenance trailer

Lamar Guymon explained that he would like to purchase an open trailer to haul the lawn mowers, weed eaters and all other equipment. A trailer he is looking at will cost approximately \$1700.00 to \$2100.00. He will get some estimates and bring this back for discussion.

Agenda Item – 8 – Horse shoe league

Joe ward explained that they would like to use the Rodeo Grounds and get some Horse shoe tournaments going and bring leagues from other areas.

MOTION. Mark Justice motioned to allow the use of the rodeo grounds for Horse shoe tournaments and leagues and not charge for the rest of this year; motion seconded by Lamar Guymon and carried.

Agenda Item – 9 – Discussion of late water bills

The council was presented with a list of late water bills. Ronni explained that we allow the residence to get two months behind and then we give them a shut off notice. We try to work with people but some people don't pay until they get the shut off notice. Mark Justice suggested reviewing the ordinance and put it on the agenda next Month. We need to look at the ordinance and follow the rules. Laneaa Cowley asked if we are educating people on the different ways they can make payments.

MOTION. Lamar Guymon motioned to let the Council review the water ordinance and bring this back next Month; motion seconded by Joe Ward and carried.

Agenda Item – 10 – Public hearing/Fund transfer

MOTION. Mark Justice motioned to go into public hearing; motion seconded by Laneaa Cowley.

Mayor Gordon explained that this hearing is about transferring money from the Water fund into the Capital Projects fund. **Ronni Torre** explained that for the Cemetery we were going to transfer funds out of perpetual care and then we thought maybe we could transfer the money out of the utility and save the perpetual care for other projects. We also have the UDOT/City-SR10 Project that UDOT wants to partner with us on and this would be in FY 2018 if we get approved from UDOT. This may not go through but we wanted to do the transfer to prevent having to do another public hearing later. The Truck purchase (Cemetery & Snow Removal) we talked about doing a 4-year annual lease payment at 3.25 interest, we would be paying over \$40,000.00 and if we pay for it up front we would be paying \$37,900. Which would be saving money. We have to come up with \$100,000.00 for the bathroom so we would use \$39,000.00 to go towards the ADA Park Bathroom. Mayor Gordon said we went to CIB and we were approved for the cemetery project and the ADA Restroom at the park. Now we need to get our ducks in a row and go back in October to finalize.

Public Comments: **Bob Mills** does not have a problem with the cemetery, he has a problem with the sidewalk and who will be responsible for maintaining it. Why are we spending \$73000.00 for a sidewalk that we don't need? **Mayor Gordon** explained that UDOT would be doing the sidewalk and Huntington City would be doing the curb and gutter with a TAP Grant from UDOT. Bob Mills is also concerned that we are using the funds that are set aside for water lines. **Mayor Gordon** explained that we have CVSSD that would help in case of disaster. **Cathy Cowley** asked; what is the Utility fund supposed to be used for? Is it supposed to have money transferred to the general fund? **Mayor Gordon** said that the utility fund is a water fund and the only way it can be used for anything else is to have a public hearing. **Lamar Guymon** explained that we have money coming from CIB and

we were going to take \$50,000.00 out of perpetual care to match the funds, so the cemetery is covered. We don't want to use the perpetual care funds so this is the other solution. **Cathy Cowley** asked, how much money is in the cemetery yearly budget right now? **Ronni Torre** answered \$5000.00. **Cathy Cowley** feels like we are living in a time when everything should be reducing. It feels like Huntington City hasn't paid attention to the reduction. Our sidewalks are not even, they are not weeded and I don't know how many people will use the sidewalk going from the mortuary to 400 East. \$73,000.00 is a lot of money to be coming out of our fund. I would prefer that we use total grant money for that project and continue to do it in small parcels.? **Mark Justice** explained that there is a difference between operating budgets and capital project budgets. These are not operating budget ideas. Operating budget funds have been budgeted for the year and everybody here is aware of trying to stay within that budget. When you have opportunity to do an improvement in your community and you don't have to spend all of your own money and you can get money from the State to help with that then it creates a discussion. Of all the projects I think the UDOT project one has the least merit. We always have to match funds from UDOT. None of these projects are taking money from the operating budgets. **Cathy Cowley:** I would rather see us spend \$73,000.00 on sidewalks and streets placed in town where they are needed. We need citizens to take pride in our city and clean up. **Mark Justice** said we have transportation funds that we receive from the state that we can use for sidewalks. We only do so much a year because we only have so much money. We are going to do 7 blocks in our community. The discussion we had two months ago was that we have \$73,000.00 from this transportation grant but if you use that we won't be able to do sidewalks in our community so it was decided that we would use the operating budget to do the sidewalks in the city. It was our effort in wanting to do both projects that lead us to want to transfer funds so that we could do sidewalks in our own community and because of the very reasons that you pointed out. **Leonard Norton** as the safety person asked Cathy Cowley if she would write down where the bad sidewalks are so that he can look into it. **Laneeaa Cowley** asked why the perpetual care fund can't take care of the cemetery. **Ronni Torre** explained that initially we were going to use perpetual care funds and the \$60,000.00 from CIB for the cemetery project. Then we discussed that while we are transferring funds we could possibly transfer \$50,000.00 from the Utility fund and keep the money in perpetual care for future projects, such as developing the other side of the cemetery. The utility fund will be built back up quicker than the perpetual care fund. **Laneeaa Cowley** asked If we take 50,000.00 out what will the amount be in perpetual care. I'm looking at the yearend results and the utility fund only increased \$21,000.00 last year and we were advised by the auditor to keep the money there and save for the future. I would rather leave the money in the utility until we need it. **Julie Jones:** I understand that UDOT has to have a matching fund. I think it is communication and information on both sides. I want the cemetery completed. I called Doug the auditor and he said the percentage earned on the perpetual care fund can go into the general fund. **Boyd Wilson** expressed his concern of the amount of money in the utility fund and what happens in case of emergency. He said that with past Mayors there was a rainy day fund and he's wondering what happened to it. **Mayor Gordon** explained that over the past years there has been a lot of money used for different projects such as streets, sidewalks, etc. They have not transferred from the utility fund. She also explained that if there is a flood disaster we have the Special Service District to help us. **Randy Jones** reported that he has lived in Huntington since 1952 and watched several Mayors come and go and right now Huntington looks better than any other town in the county. **MOTION.** Mark Justice moved that we go out of public hearing; motion seconded by Leonard Norton and carried.

Agenda Item – 11 – Public hearing/budget adjustment

Ronni Torre explained that we don't have to transfer the \$73,000.00 from the utility fund, we will adjust the figures based on that.

MOTION. Mark Justice moved to transfer the money from the Utility fund to the capital fund for three of the projects (Cemetery, truck purchase, and ADA Park Restroom) he is not in favor of transferring the \$73,000.00; motion seconded by Laneea Cowley.

ROLL CALL VOTE: LAMAR GUYMON – NAY, JOE WARD – NAY, LEONARD NORTON – NAY, MARK JUSTICE – AYE, LANEEA COWLEY – AYE.

Lamar Guymon said nay for the reason of; if those funds from UDOT become available we don't need to go through a public hearing, if they don't become available that money stays where it is it isn't spent for anything else.

MOTION. Lamar Guymon motions that we transfer the \$200,000.00 to the General fund with the stipulation that if UDOT does not come through with the Grant to finish the UDOT SR10 to 400 East project, that the funds be returned back to the Utility fund; motion seconded by Joe Ward.

ROLL CALL VOTE: LAMAR GUYMON – AYE, JOE WARD – AYE, LEONARD NORTON – AYE, MARK JUSTICE – NAY, LANEEA COWLEY – NAY.

MOTION CARRIES THREE TO TWO.

Agenda Item – 12 – Resolution to approve budget

This resolution will be changed to reflect tonight's decisions and it will be approved at next month council meeting.

Agenda Item – 13 – Donation request of \$500.00 to promote triathlon at Huntington Reservoir

Lamar Guymon explained that Dustin Carlson of Every Angle Films has done a promotional advertising video and the County and the City are partnering with him to promote the video.

MOTION. Lamar Guymon motions to approve the \$500.00 donation; motion seconded by Mark Justice and carried.

Agenda Item – 14 – Update on Rocky Mountain Power Rebate – Ronni

Ronni Torre reported that the power bill on the decorative street lights went from close to \$700.00 to around \$100.00. She also reported the rebate amounts for changing lights to LED in the office and also street lights.

Agenda Item – 15 – Public Comments

Vonda Thayne reported that on 400 South and 400 West there is flooding issues at her home, everything has shifted, the sidewalk, curb and gutter is cracked broken and pushed up. There is a steal plate over a hole on the corner of 400 South and 400 West. Who is responsible for putting up a retaining wall around the property.

Mark Justice reported that CVSSD is responsible for curb and gutter, he will get with them and go look at it.

Agenda Item – 16 – Mayors Report

Mayor Gordon thanked everyone for their help at the Miners Memorial dedication. We received a refund dividend from the ULGT in the amount of \$629.84. In the next few days UDOT will be putting the speed signs in.

Agenda Item – 17 – Council's Departmental Reports

Leonard Norton reported that at the Dumpsite we are waiting to get a burn permit so we can get it burned down and hauled off. Safety wise we are redoing the parking stripes around the Elementary School and on the West side of 100 North. **Laneea Cowley** reported that YCC is on vacation this month. Being over beautification there are citizens in Huntington that take care of their yards. I have Scouts on main street pulling weeds. We will be having an annual clean up. I do appreciate all of those taking pride.

Joe Ward reported that at Ethan's trailer park we need to get the car off of the lawn and get it cleaned up. He reported that at Mr. Automotive there are no sidewalks. Joe is wondering about hooking the pond at the cemetery to the secondary. He was informed that there is not enough water pressure to do that. He is wanting to get the Miners Monument polished. **Lamar Guymon** thanked Gloria Wilson for her help on the Heritage Days fun run. He has talked to Mike about using the Cities Guardrail down by the trail. Lamar reported on upcoming Marathons and events. **Mark Justice** reported that they are working on getting power to the horse walker at the rodeo grounds. We are in the process of doing a 7 block sidewalk project in Huntington. We try to alternate between the West side and East Side and this year we are working on the West side of town. We have trimmed some trees down on 300 South and 200 East. A project that we have worked on for many years is getting done, down by Mcalister's they are just finishing doing curb gutter and asphalt.

Agenda Item – 18 – Zoning Administrator Report

NO REPORT

Agenda Item – 19 – City Claims and Review of Financials

MOTION. Mark Justice moved to pay the bills; motion seconded by Laneea Cowley and carried.

UPON PROPER MOTION AND FULL APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Jenene Hansen
Huntington City Recorder